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SUBJECT: IAEA PANEL ON POWER REACTORS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, VIENNA, NOV. 18-21, 1974

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AGENCY LETTER NOTING THAT SUBJECT MEETING WILL BE CONVENED AS PART OF CONTINUING AGENCY EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DESIGN OF REACTOR PLANTS OF PROVEN TYPES, PARTICULARLY IN SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE RANGE. COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY OF SUCH PLANTS COULD ACCELERATE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH SMALLER GRIDS AND HELP OFFSET EFFECTS OF RECENT OIL PRICE INCREASES.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING WILL BE:

A. TO REVIEW THE MARKET FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BASES ON AN UP-DATING OF THE AGENCY'S NUCLEAR POWER MARKET SURVEY AND ITS EXTENSION TO INCLUDE OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

- B. TO REVIEW THE AVAILABILITY OF POWER REACTOR PLANTS FOR THIS MARKET, PARTICULARLY IN THE SIZE RANGE BELOW 500 MWE;
- C. TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF PROVENNESS OF THESE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS; AND
- D. TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE LIMITATIONS IN THE SUPPLY OF THESE PLANTS (PRODUCTION BOTTLENECKS) AND THE TYPES OF SUPPLY (TURNKEY, NUCLEAR ISLAND) WHICH WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

- 3. AGENCY BELIEVES PARTICIPATION OF SPECIALISTS FROM US WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO WORK OF PANEL AND SUGGESTS PARTICIPANTS FROM BOTH PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT. AGENCY REQUESTS NOMINATIONS OF PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1974. EXPERTS EXPECTED PARTICIPATE AT NO EXPENSE TO AGENCY.
- 4. OTHER DETAILS CONTAINED IN COPY OF AGENCY LETTER, WHICH POUCHED AMMONS/AEC.
- 5. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT US NOMINATE SUTIABLE EXPERTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING AND BELIEVES THAT USE OF COST-FREE EXPERT FUNDS TO COVER TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES OF US PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE FULLY JUSTIFIED.
- 6. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT BABCOCK AND WILCOX BE INVITED TO SEND PARTICIPANT TO THIS MEETING IN VIEW THEIR REPORTED DEVELOPMENT OF REACTOR FOR NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIPS, WHICH COULD ALSO BE SUITABLE FOR PRODUCING ELECTRIC POWER IN RANGE BELOW 500 MWE.
- 7. AS MATTER OF INFORMATION, MISSION WAS RECENTLY INFORMED BY RESPONSIBLE AGENCY OFFICIAL THAT FRANCE IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING PRODUCING SMALL OR MEDIUM SIZE POWER REACTORS IN NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE WHICH COULD BE READILY ABSORBED IN SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH SMALL GRIDS.
- 8. ADVISE RE US PARTICIPATION. PORTER

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